



TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

SB 129 Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters of the United States conducted a two-year study on US Immigration Policy. In 2008, following participation in our study and consensus process by League members in every state, we developed a comprehensive position on immigration policy. That position includes the following statement:

The League of Women Voters believes immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises.

When enforcing immigration laws: We believe in due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal, and right to humane treatment.

For that reason, we fully support SB 129 and urge a favorable report.